

**ETHICS BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SESSION**

The Ethics Board (“Board”) met on Wednesday, May 14th, 2025, at 2:30 pm by conference call via Microsoft Teams.

Call to Order & Statement Concerning the Recording of the Public Session: Chair Stephan Fogleman called the Board meeting to order at 2:35 pm with 3 Board members, a quorum, present. Board Member Noelle Newman joined soon after.

Chair Stephan Fogleman read the following statement:

All participants in the Public Session of the Board meeting acknowledge and consent to the video and audio recording of the Public Session and the publication of the recording on the Board’s website and social media accounts.

Statement Concerning the Administrative Session of the April 9th Board Meeting: Chair Fogleman read the following statement:

Per the Open Meetings Act, the Board discloses that it adjourned its virtual open meeting on April 9th, 2025, to enter the Administrative Session at approximately 2:49 pm. All Board members were present. No members were absent. Members discussed administrative matters, including complaints.

The Board may need to close some or all of this meeting to preserve the confidentiality mandated by the Ethics Code or as otherwise authorized by the State Open Meetings Act. Likewise, upon adjournment of the Open Session, the Board may reconvene for an Administrative Session to discuss non-public, administrative functions of the Board.

Review of Schedules and Agenda: Member Noelle Winder informed the Board of late attendance.

Approval of Written Minutes for the Public Session of the April 9th, 2025 Board Meeting: The Board unanimously approved the April 9th Minutes.

Charitable/Governmental Gift Solicitation Waiver Applications:

Award Ceremony - Baltimore City Police Department: Chief of Staff Andrew Smullian petitioned for a gift solicitation waiver for BPD’s upcoming Meritorious Service Board Awards. The Board moved to approve the waiver as written, subject to revision to the affirmation required in Section V. 5. The Board limited the duration of the waiver to 1 year.

Staff Update: Dir. Amberger gave an update on working with DHR on automatic notification of ethics requirements for new employees through Workday.

For the current calendar year, 3,212 public officials were required to file financial disclosures; as of May 14, 128 reports were delinquent, representing a 96% compliance rate. Ethics staff will continue to motivate delinquent filers to comply.

Dir. Amberger provided an update on a recent reported opinion by the Appellate Court of Maryland relating to the Board's redactions to a donor list in the Mosby case. The Court confirmed that the Board's redactions were appropriate.

Special Assistant Anetra Moore provided the following metrics for April on the Board staff's recent work:

- Help Desk
 - 423 help desk requests were received and resolved by Board staff in April .
 - 3 help desk requests were from lobbyists.
 - 1 help desk requests were concerning gift solicitation waivers.
 - 412 help desk requests were concerning financial disclosure statements.
 - 1 help desk requests were ethics inquiries.
 - FY25 requests: 936
- Ethics Training
 - 16 people completed the Ethics Training in April.
 - FY25 attendees: 325
- Complaints
 - FY25 Complaints: 9
 - Open: 0
 - Dismissed: 9
- Secondary Employment Waivers
 - Waiver Requests: 0
 - FY25 Granted Waivers: 1
- Gift Solicitation Waivers
 - 2 gift solicitation waiver applications were submitted to the Board for the April 9th, 2025 Board meeting.
 - 0 gift solicitation waivers expired since the last Board meeting.
 - FY25 Active Waivers: 7
 - FY25 Expired/Rescinded Waivers: 5
- Financial Disclosure Statements
 - Final reminders will go out on May 15th, 2025
 - First round of reminders on May 5th, 2025

The Public Session adjourned at 3:08 pm.